



Kansas African American Affairs Commission

February General Meeting Minutes (Approved)

Landon State Office Building – Room 235

Thursday, February 11, 2010

10:00 a.m.

- I. **Called to Order and Welcome** by Curtis Whitten, Chair at 10:25 a.m.
- II. **Roll Call and Introduction of Guest(s):** C. Whitten, H. Johnson, D. Dandridge, J. Barfield - Present; J. Williams and L. Chinn – Absent. Staff Present, M. Edwards. Quorum established.
- III. **Correspondence:** No items needed attention
- IV. **Minutes:** Reading of the January 2010 General Meeting Minutes postponed until the next meeting.
- V. **ED's Update:** Mildred Edwards reported the following:
 - a. **General Fund** expenditures currently at 51.51%. The following balances were reported: Salaries and Wages - \$ 69,745.00 (\$ 71,834.00), Total Contractual Services - \$ 18,732.00 (\$ 8,289.00), Total Commodities - \$ 302.00 (\$ 3,446.00), Total Expenditures - \$ 88,779.00 (\$ 83,569.00). **Action:** Board requested a full budget review at March meeting.
 - b. **Donation Fund Balance to date.** \$ 1,421.00. Future fundraising ideas will be generated and presented for approval.
 - c. **Cultivation (26), Collaboration (7) and Administrative (23) activities reported.** Eighteen (18) upcoming dates were noted. Primary events for the month include the Black History Month Advocacy Days events and the Kappa Alpha Psi Day at the Capitol. Commission would be presented at Kappa Days at 11:00 a.m. today and joining the organization for dessert at noon.
 - d. **Board Governance.** Commissioner notebooks were presented and reviewed. Sections included: Governance, Meetings, Events, Advisory Boards and Correspondence.
 - e. **Strategic Plan Update:**
 - Strategy 1:** 1) Identified data sources in health, workforce development and education, and 2) Meeting scheduled with ULKansas CEO to define project next steps.
 - Strategy 2:** 1) Met with KS Legislative Black Caucus; scheduled ongoing meetings
 - Strategy 3:** 1) Met with the KDHE Cabinet Secretary, and 2) Meetings scheduled with Secretary Thornton from Commerce and Secretary DeBacker from Education.
 - Strategy 4:** 1) Looking at revisions to SB511 through Business Development Panel.
 - Strategy 5:** 1) Included ULKansas, NAACP and TKAAM in the KAAAC Black History Month Advocacy Days panel(s). Confirmed Status of AA in Kansas project collaboration with ULKansas.
- VI. **Old Business**
 - a. **KAAAC Website.** Headshots and Bios still needed. To date C. Whitten, D. Dandridge, J. Barfield and H. Johnson have responded to the request. Website is being updated with programs from each of the Advocacy Days events and meeting dates.
 - b. **2010 Commissioner Involvement.** Commissioners serving as moderators for Advocacy Days are natural leaders of the various Advisory Boards that are being formed. Commissioner C. Whitten - Business Development Advisory Board, Commissioner D. Dandridge – Social Services, Commissioner H. Johnson – Education, assigned to date.
 - c. **Legislative Reception w/KHLAAC.** January 28, 2010 – 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.; Excellent representation from Commissioners; approximately 30 attended. Thank you notes were provided to each attendee from the KAAAC office. Food was provided through the Governors hospitality budget.

- d. **2010 KAAAC Program.** The State of AA in Kansas document is moving along greatly. Secretary Roderick Bremby has consented to write the forward for the Health section and to provide data from KDHE. As a result of the meeting with Bremby and attendance at the 2010 Kansas Diabetes Action council meeting, the two areas of health identified for the project are tobacco and obesity. Meetings with Rhonda Harris from Commerce resulted in support for Workforce Development initiatives and access to data, if needed.
- e. **Legislative Issues.** Senator Faust-Goudeau plans to reintroduce SB511. The intent of this reintroduction is to emphasize the fact that little to no attention has been paid to this existing bill. It is proposed that the proper implementation of the bill would provide the supports African American business owners need to access government contracts and secure purchasing bids. **Action:** Staff is to determine whom at the Dept. of Commerce is responsible for implementing SB511.
- f. **GTFORP Letter of Support.**

Harriet Johnson motioned, Deborah Dandridge seconded the motion to give a letter of support to the Governors' Task Force on Racial Profiling postponing their charge of providing recommendations to improve the racial profiling bill (SB179) this legislative session. A substitute motion was presented.

James Barfield motioned to delay the writing of a letter until after the Friday, February 12, 2010 Governors Racial Profiling Task Force meeting. Substitute Motion failed for the lack of a second. Original Motion carried, 3:1

- g. **Kappas and other Greeks at the Capitol.** KAAAC is to present a workshop today at 11:00 at the Capitol in room 142S. Deborah Dandridge introduced the Commission and the Mission, Mildred discussed programs and community involvement, Curtis presented on the GTFORP.

Meeting postponed at 11:00 a.m.; Reconvened at 11:45 a.m.

VII. New Business

- a. **African American Day at the Capitol** during the month of March due to the time scheduled for the events which conflict with the House and Committee meetings, no legislative attendance was obtained at the Business Development Advocacy Days event.
- b. **Advocacy Days into KAAAC Advisory Boards.** The time provided for speakers at the Advocacy Days permitted a dialog regarding Business Development opportunities for African Americans in Kansas and a review of SB511. It was determined that an Business Development Advisory Board consisting of Wayne Bell (US SBA), Donna Wright (MAMBDC) and Lazone Grays (IBSA); Facilitated by Curtis Whitten (KAAAC) would be formed. A conference call is scheduled for Wednesday, February 17, 2010 to further discuss SB511 and recommendations to Senator Oleta Faust-Goudeau.
- c. **Purchasing Requests for Proposals.** www.da.ks.gov/purch - a review of the open purchasing bids was conducted. It was determined that those interested in pertinent bids would contact the KAAAC to obtain detailed information on current application, previous awardees and other details needed to bid.
- d. **Commissioner recommendation.** Dr. Terrell from Emporia State University was submitted to the President of the Senate for appointment. Two resumes were received to replace Latoria Chinn: Kevin Jones from District 3 and Dr. Zelia Wiley from district 2. Discussion regarding Congressional District representation was optional; if not Kevin Jones would be invited to join. **Action:** Staff is to clarify if District representation is strictly enforced and whether party

affiliation may take precedence as the Board currently has (with the addition of Dr. Terrell) three (3) democrats, and three (3) republicans. Dr. Wiley is an independent; K. Jones a democrat.

- e. **Special Assistant applicants.** Two applications have been received, Brittany Stiffler and Kaelyn Seymour. Brittany Stiffler will be interviewed today at 3:00 p.m. by Mildred and Curtis. The Board preferred having an individual of color, all things (and qualifications) considered. Both individuals are currently employed in temporary positions with end dates looming. Kaelyn will be invited to interview.

VIII. Announcements

Legislative Calendar.

Friday, February 5, 2010: Last day for Committees, except House Appropriations, Calendar and Printing and Taxation, House and Senate Federal and State Affairs, Senate Ways and Means, or other select committee, to INTRODUCE bills.

Saturday, February 20, 2010: Last day to CONSIDER BILL IN HOUSE OF ORIGIN, except by House Appropriations, Calendar and Printing and Taxation, House and Senate Federal and State Affairs, Senate Ways and means, or other select committee, when authorized.

Wednesday, March 24, 2010: Last day to CONSIDER BILLS NOT IN HOUSE OR ORIGIN, except by committees listed above.

Tuesday, April 6, 2010: No bills considered after this date except BILLS VOTED BY GOVERNOR, OMNIBUS APPROPRIATIONS ACT AND OMNIBUS RECONCILIATIONS SPENDING LIMIT BILL.

Veto session approximately two and one-half weeks after last day of regular session. Sine Die-to be announced.

KAAAC Listserve. Action: Research is to be conducted to determine the status of the KAAAC listserve.

Census 2010 PSAs: Mr. Barfield reminded staff that the KAAAC should create PSAs noting the importance of African Americans participating in Census 2010. **Action: Staff to draft PSAs for approval and research African American media outlets.**

IX. Meeting Adjourned at 2:00 p.m. by Curtis Whitten, Chair.

Commission joined the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity for dessert in the KAAAC office.

**Respectfully submitted,
Mildred Edwards, Ph.D.**